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to their Secretarial delegations of authority; and

(2) Assure that the views of the operating administrations are considered in developing Departmental policies, plans, and proposals.

The Assistant Secretaries are also available to assist, as appropriate, the operating administrations in implementing Departmental policy and programs. As primary staff advisors to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries are concerned with transportation matters of the broadest scope, including modal, intermodal, and other matters of Secretarial interest.

(b) *Exceptions.* There are exceptions to the normal staff role described in paragraph (a) of this section. In selected instances, the Secretary has specifically delegated to Assistant Secretaries authority which they may exercise on the Secretary's behalf. For example, the Secretary has delegated authority to the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, as appropriate, to decide on most requests to intervene or appear before administrative agencies, subject to the concurrence of the General Counsel. Also, from time to time, activities of an operational character may be delegated to an Assistant Secretary when the nature of the function or its stage of development makes it untimely to effect assignment to an operating administration.

[Amdt. 1-113, 40 FR 43901, Sept. 24, 1975, as amended by Amdt. 1-157, 45 FR 83405, Dec. 18, 1980; Amdt. 1-261, 59 FR 10063, Mar. 3, 1994]

§ 1.26 Secretarial succession.

(a) The following officials, in the order indicated, shall act as Secretary of Transportation, in case of the absence or disability of the Secretary, until the absence or disability ceases, or, in case of a vacancy, until a successor is appointed:

- (1) Deputy Secretary.
- (2) General Counsel.
- (3) Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs.
- (4) Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.
- (5) Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.

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(6) Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

(7) Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(8) Associate Deputy Secretary.

(9) Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

(10) Federal Aviation Administrator.

(11) Federal Aviation Administration Regional Administrator, Southwest Region.

(12) Federal Aviation Administration Regional Administrator, Great Lakes Region.

(b) Without regard to the foregoing, a person directed to perform the duties of the Secretary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3347 shall act as Secretary of Transportation.

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Subpart C—Delegations

§ 1.41 Purpose.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this subpart provides for the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties vested in the Secretary of Transportation by law.

(b) For delegations of authority vested in the Secretary by Executive Order 11652 originally to classify documents as secret or confidential, see § 8.11 of this subtitle.

§ 1.42 Exercise of authority.

In exercising powers and performing duties delegated by this subpart or re-delegated pursuant thereto, officials of the Department of Transportation are governed by applicable laws, Executive orders and regulations and by policies, objectives, plans, standards, procedures, and limitations as may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the Secretary, or, with respect to matters under their jurisdictions, by or on behalf of the Deputy Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, the Inspector General, the General Counsel, or an Administrator. This includes, wherever specified, the requirement for advance notice to, prior coordination with, or prior approval by an authority other